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TAGS: CFED (SEC INVESTIGATION OF GRUENER, RICHARD), LS GW

SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: SEC REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
ABOUT RICHARD GRUENER

1. THE SEC IS CURRENTLY LOOKING INTO LARGE PURCHASES OF AMERICAN AIRLINES STOCK BY ONE RICHARD GRUENER (OR GRUNER), A "PRIVATE INVESTOR" WHO IS BELIEVED TO RESIDE AT THE HAUS SARDONA IN VADUZ, LIECHTENSTEIN. GRUENER IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ONCE BEEN A PARTNER AND MANAGER OF TWO PUBLISHING HOUSES IN HAMBURG: GRUENER UND JAHR, PRESSEHAUS; AND SPIEGEL VERLAG, OST-WEST STRASSE

2. BETWEEN LATE JANUARY AND EARLY MARCH, 1975, GRUENER REPORTEDLY INVESTED SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS IN AMERICAN AIRLINES STOCK, ADDING TO HIS EARLIER HOLDINGS IN THAT AIRLINE WHICH NOW TOTAL SOME ONE AND ONE-HALF MILLION SHARES WORTH APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS.

3. THE SEC WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION THE
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ADDRESSEE POSTS COULD DISCREETLY OBTAIN ABOUT GRUENER,

INCLUDING: HIS CITIZENSHIP, BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS, FINANCIAL
SITUATION, FOREIGN CONTACTS, AND GENERAL REPUTATION. THIS
INFORMATION IS NEEDED URGENTLY. KISSINGER

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